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Gen13 v2 #4

They're the slacker superheroes. Fairchild, Grunge, Burnout, Freefall, and Rainmaker are lead by Lynch, the father figure who freed them and an elder statesmen of the superhero world. Created by science, this team of superpowered teenagers battles for survival in a world seemingly set against them.

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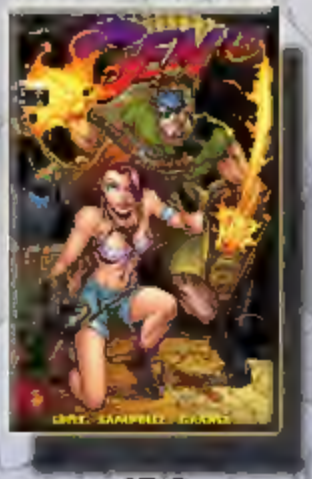

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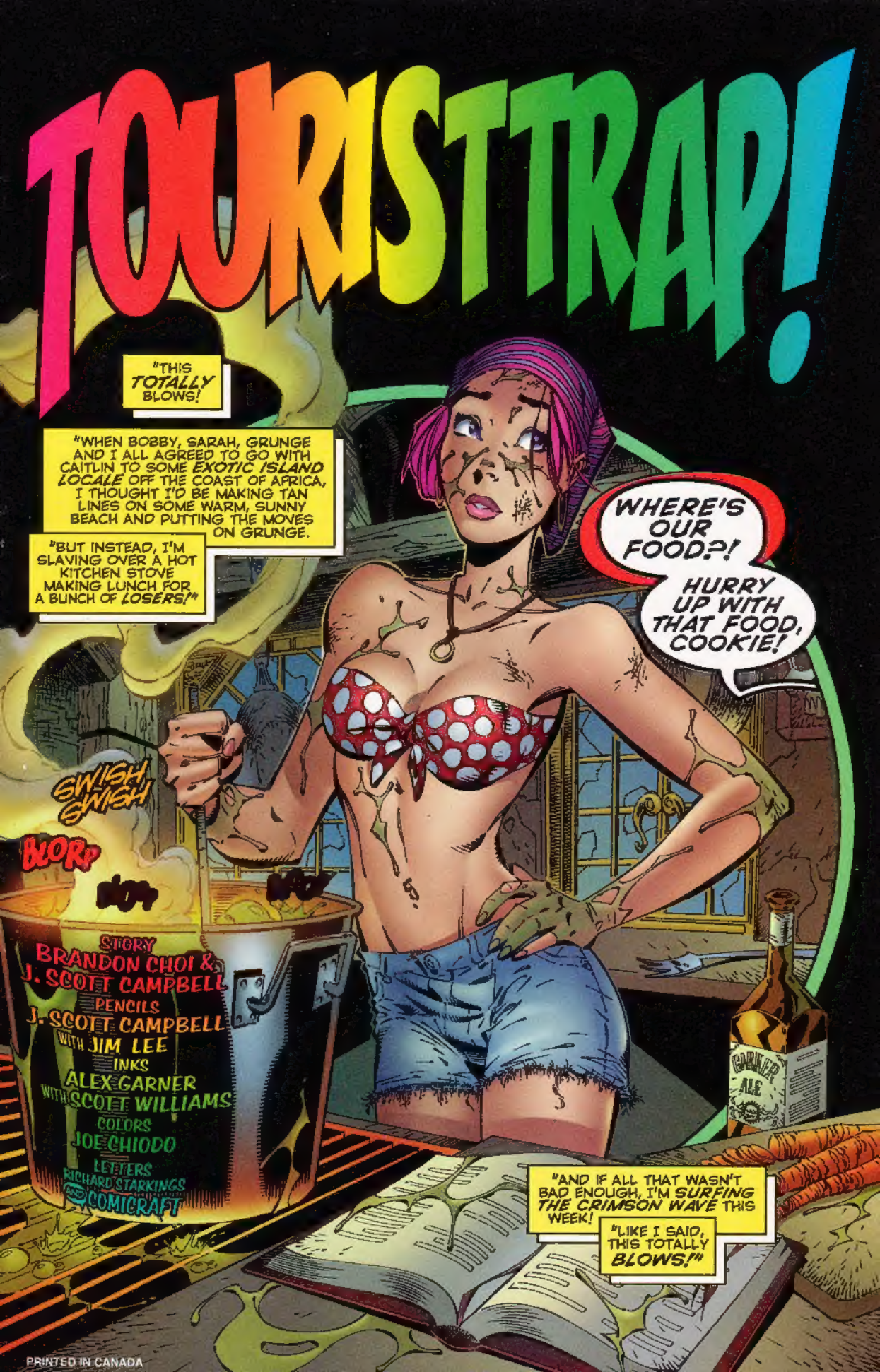

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BLEEECH!
CAPTAIN! THIS GRUB TASTES LIKE S!!!!
I THINK SHE'S TRYING TO KILL US, BOSS!
LISTEN UP, CHILD.
WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR GOURMET CUISINE HERE.
EDIBLE WOULD DO.
SO, IF YOU WANT TO STAY ON MY SHIP, YOU'D BETTER START EARNING YOUR KEEP.
ME?! BUT WHAT ABOUT BOBBY?!
WHY DOES HE GET TO JERK OFF WITH THE GUYS WHILE I GET STUCK WITH KITCHEN PATROL?!
IF I SEE ANOTHER COOKING POT, I'M GOING TO GO COMPLETELY POSTAL!
THAT'S INCREDIBLE!
NOTHIN' TO IT, MY MAN.
YOUR FRIEND IS A GOOD MORALE BOOSTER FOR MY MEN.
AND THAT'S WHAT I NEED RIGHT NOW IF I'M GOING TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF BEATING THE CODA.
IF YOUR FRIENDS ARE ON THE ISLAND, THE CODA WILL BE HOLDING THEM CAPTIVE.
THAT IS, IF THEY HAVEN'T BEEN KILLED ALREADY.
YOU AND BOBBY WILL NEED MY HELP TO FREE THEM, SO FOR NOW, JUST DO AS YOU'RE TOLD.
THIS IS LIKE TOTALLY NOT FAIR.
LIFE NEVER IS, CHILD.
WHAT-EVER!
POOR GRUNGE! I HOPE HE'S ALLRIGHT!
I REALLY MISS HIM.

I WONDER IF HE IS THINKING ABOUT ME?
STOP! PLEASE...
I...I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE...
WHAT DID HE SAY?
YOU WANT MORE, OUTWORLDER?
TEN TIMES IN ONE DAY?!
OHHHH YEEAAH...
AS YOU WISH.
HE'S SO...DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER PIRATES.
YES, THIS ONE HAS SO MUCH MORE STAMINA.
NOT EXACTLY SURE WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
BUT THAT'S COOL.
I MEAN WE ARE SPEAKING THE LANGUAGE OF LUVVV...
OPEN THIS DOOR!
YOU CAN'T HIDE HIM FROM ME ANY LONGER!
BAM
BAM
BAM
WHAM
AHA! THERE YOU ARE!
OUT OF MY WAY, LITTLE SISTERS!
IT'S MY TURN TO HAVE THE MALE OUTWORLDER BEFORE TOMORROW'S BLOOD RITUAL.

I see you're still alive! good!
Now that you've passed the initiation, my little stallion...
... it's time you were with a real woman!

Oh, no!
Sister Maxima!
IS SHE TALKING TO ME?!
He'll be lucky to be alive after she's through with him.
We'll never get him back!
Tell him to run!
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU BABES ARE SAYING...

...BUT I THINK I JUST FIGURED THIS ONE OUT FOR MYSELF!
Come back here!
OUTTA MY WAY!!

YEAAAH!
Hail, Majestrix!
WHAT IS ALL THAT COMMOTION, COUNSELOR?
The breeders have just finished with the male outworlder.
Sister Maxima is with him now.
AHHH, I SEE.
AS A GOOD WARRIOR, SHE DESERVES HER TURN.
ANY WORD OF THE PIRATES?

Nothing new, Majestrix.
But if the outworlders' story about being shipwrecked here is true, then it's safe to assume that the pirates are somewhere nearby.
It may only be a matter of time before they attack the citadel.
I GROW WEARY OF THESE BATTLES WITH THE PIRATE KING AND HIS MEN.

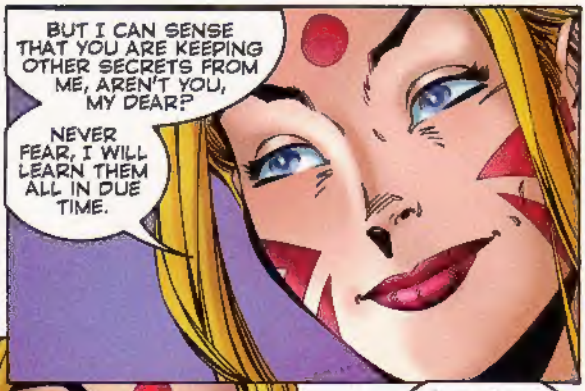
INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PATROLS ALONG THE PERIMETER AND HAVE THE TEMPLE PRIESTESS PREPARE THE SACRED ARMOR OF HIPPOLYTA.
AS SOON AS WE HAVE COMPLETED THE BLOOD RITUAL TOMORROW, I WANT ALL THE SISTERS PREPARED FOR BATTLE.
SO WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
The female outworlder, Majestrix.
We've interrogated her to find out if she is a spy for the pirates but she denies any knowledge of them.
SO, OUTWORLDER, MY COUNSELOR TELLS ME THAT YOU KNOW NOTHING OF THE PIRATE KING AND HIS MEN.
IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN I HAVE NO GRIEVANCE WITH YOU.
BUT IF YOU ARE IN FACT A SPY... THEN YOU'LL BE DEALT WITH MOST HARSHLY!
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?
NO?
TELL ME, SISTER DIANA.
DOES SHE POSE ANY DANGER TO US?

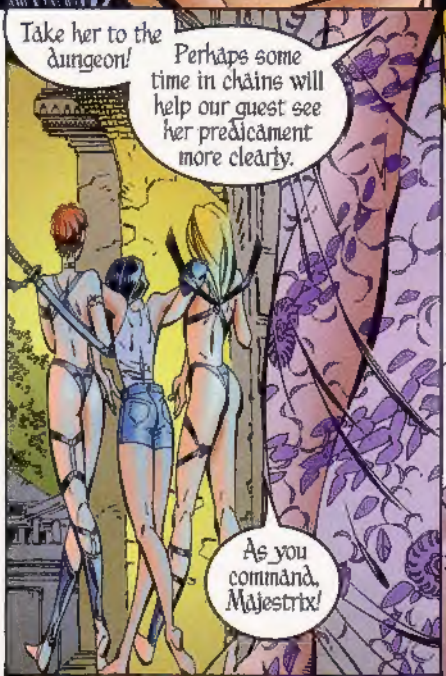
HMMPH!
IF THIS ONE IS AS DOCILE AS THE MALE OUTWORLDER, MAJESTRIX, THEN I THINK SHE IS PERFECTLY HARMLESS.
HARMLESS?
HUNNGH!
I THINK NOT!
I HAVE NO IDEA WHO THESE PIRATES ARE...
THWAK
...BUT RIGHT NOW THEY'RE THE LEAST OF YOUR PROBLEMS, SISTER!
THWOK
BY THE GODDESS!
SHE'S QUICKER THAN THE PRAETORIANS!
MOST IMPRESSIVE!
GUARDS! KILL THE PRISO --
NO, COUNSELOR! I WANT HER ALIVE.
SUBDUE HER! PROTECT THE MAJESTRIX!

Be sure to bind her securely this time!
Incredible!
The three of us can barely keep her down!
UUNNGH!

YOU ARE A FEISTY ONE, AREN'T YOU?
I LIKE THAT.
TELL ME ABOUT THE PIRATE KING'S PLANS AND PERHAPS I'LL OFFER YOU THE CHANCE FOR A NEW LIFE WITH THE CODA SISTERHOOD.

THE PIRATE KING ?! BUT I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHO YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

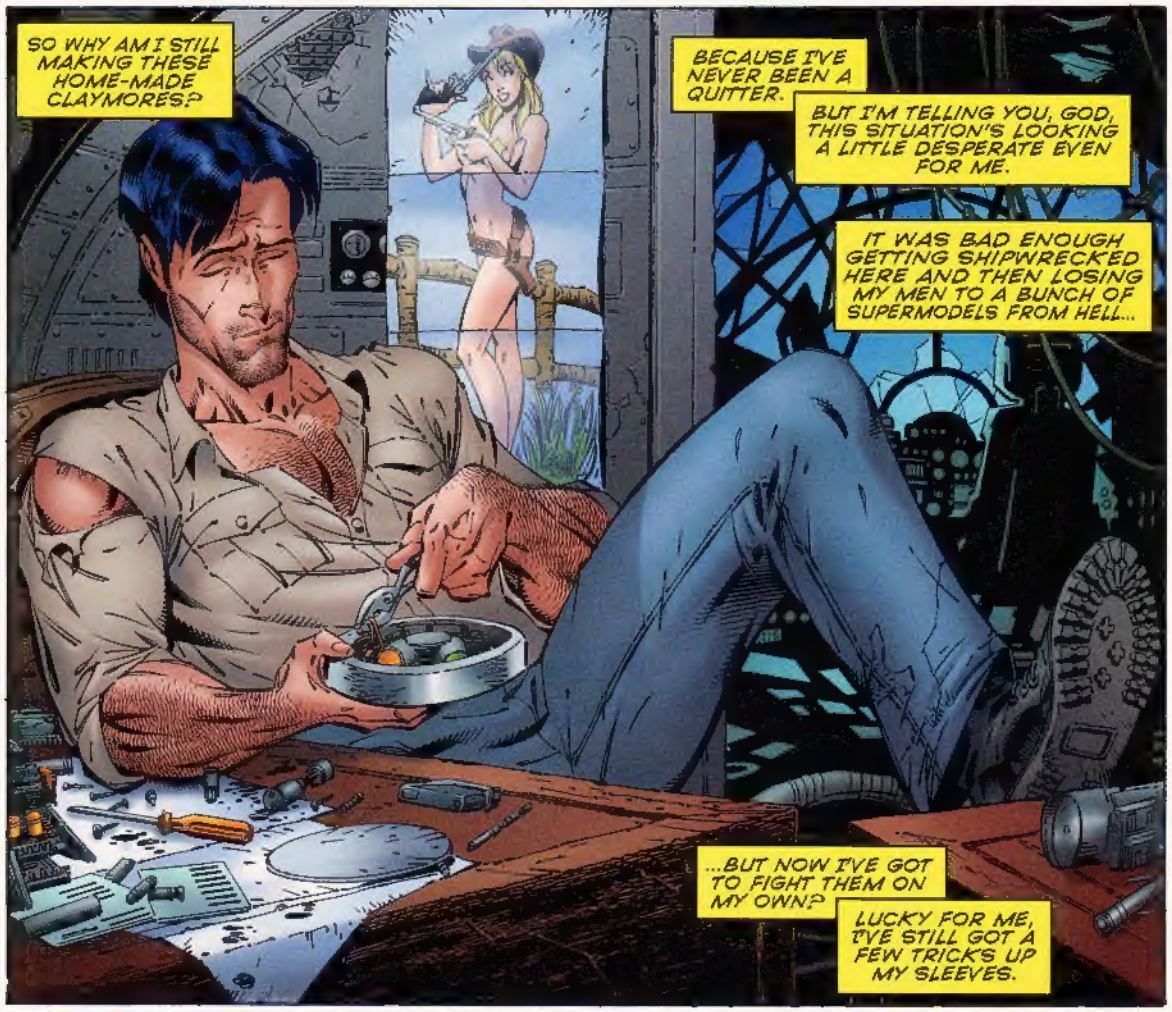

BUT I CAN SENSE THAT YOU ARE KEEPING OTHER SECRETS FROM ME, AREN'T YOU, MY DEAR?
NEVER FEAR, I WILL LEARN THEM ALL IN DUE TIME.


Take her to the dungeon!
Perhaps some time in chains will help our guest see her predicament more clearly.
As you command, Majestrix!

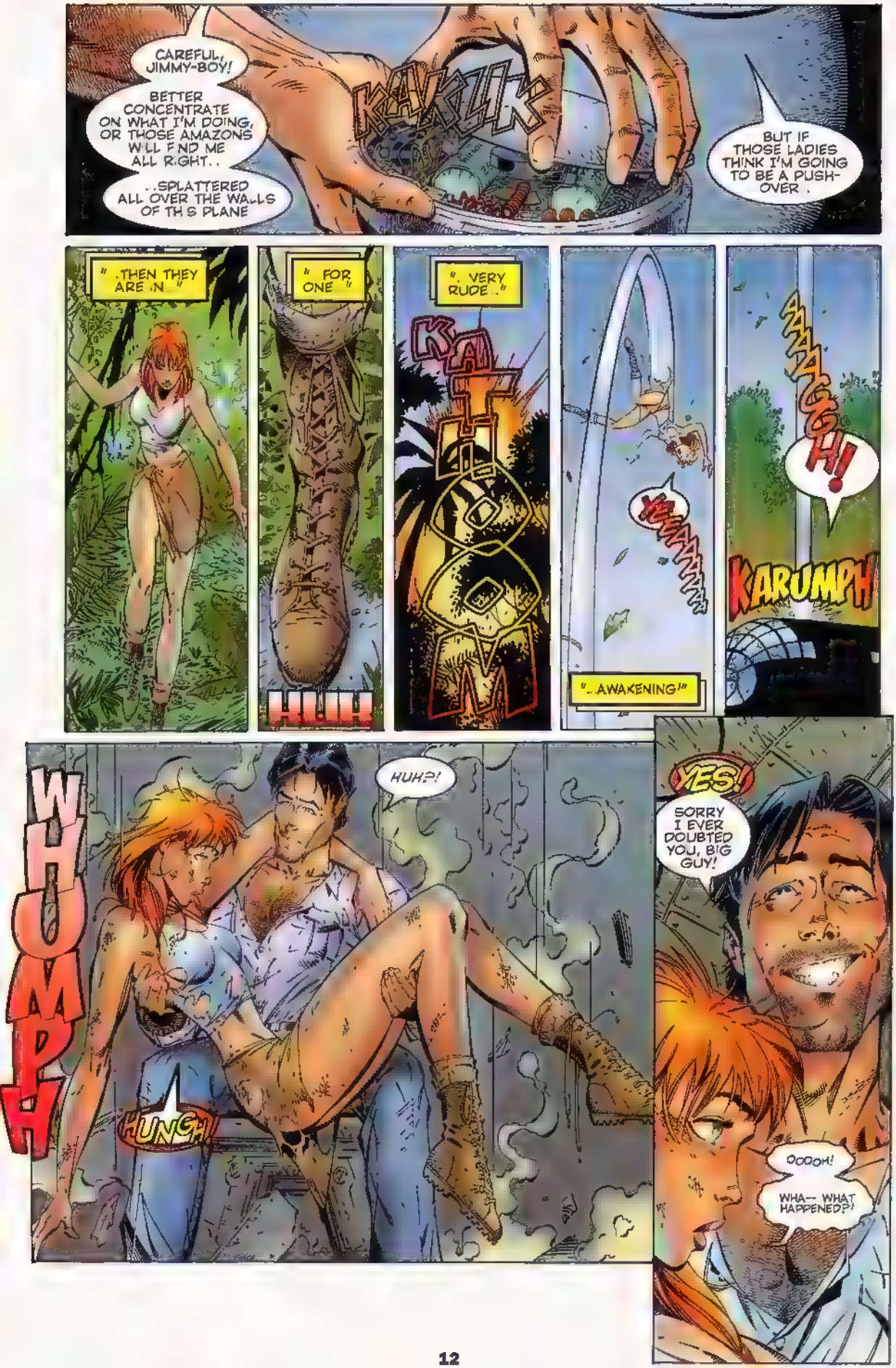
Is it wise to keep her alive, Majestrix?
She has a warrior's spirit, Daphne.
The makings of a formidable Coda Warrior.
Why can't you be more like her?
I... I'm sorry, Majestrix.

ELSEWHERE ON THE ISLE DU MYSTERE...
SSKKZZT
THIS IS JAMES McARTHUR TO BASE MADAGASCAR, DO YOU COPY? OVER?
DOES ANYBODY OUT THERE HEAR ME?
SSKKZZT
STOP WASTING TIME, JIMMY-BOY.
THE RADIO'S SHOT.
GAME OVER.
THOSE BLOODTHIRSTY AMAZONS ARE BOUND TO FIND ME SOONER OR LATER.
IT'D TAKE A MIRACLE TO SURVIVE THIS MESS.

ONLY PROBLEM IS, I'VE NEVER BEEN MUCH OF A TRUE BELIEVER.
GUESS IT'S JUST THE SCIENTIST IN ME.


SO WHY AM I STILL MAKING THESE HOME-MADE CLAYMORES?
BECAUSE I'VE NEVER BEEN A QUITTER.
BUT I'M TELLING YOU, GOD, THIS SITUATION'S LOOKING A LITTLE DESPERATE EVEN FOR ME.
IT WAS BAD ENOUGH GETTING SHIPWRECKED HERE AND THEN LOSING MY MEN TO A BUNCH OF SUPERMODELS FROM HELL...
...BUT NOW I'VE GOT TO FIGHT THEM ON MY OWN?
LUCKY FOR ME, I'VE STILL GOT A FEW TRICKS UP MY SLEEVES.

This is hopeless!
Face it, Caitlin.
You're lost.
You've been searching all day now and haven't found a single trace of the others.
It'd probably be easier finding a needle in a haystack.
HUH?
WHAT'S THAT OVER THERE?
It looks like an old World War II bomber.
This place is just full of surprises.
MAN, OH MAN..
WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE FOR A FRIENDLY FACE AROUND HERE RIGHT NOW


CAREFUL, JIMMY-BOY!
BETTER CONCENTRATE ON WHAT I'M DOING, OR THOSE AMAZONS WILL FIND ME ALL RIGHT..
..SPLATTERED ALL OVER THE WALLS OF THIS PLANE
KAKKUK
BUT IF THOSE LADIES THINK I'M GOING TO BE A PUSH-OVER.
"..THEN THEY ARE IN"
"..FOR ONE"
HUH
"..VERY RUDE.."
KATHUNK
YEEAAAA
"..AWAKENING!"
AAAGH!
KARUMPH
WHUMPH
HUH?!
HUNGH!
YES!
SORRY I EVER DOUBTED YOU, BIG GUY!
OOOOH!
WHA-- WHAT HAPPENED?!

BACK ON THE PIRATE SHIP...

SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND, BOBBY?

I WAS THINKING ABOUT MY FRIENDS, CAPTAIN MORGAN.

JUST WORRIED, I SUPPOSE.

IF THEY ARE PRISONERS OF THE CODA LIKE YOU SAY, THEN I FEEL LIKE I OUGHT TO BE ON THAT ISLAND HELPING THEM.

JUST BE PATIENT, SON YOU'LL HAVE YOUR CHANCE

BUT YOU'VE GOT TO TRUST ME AND DO IT *MY WAY*.

AND THE NAME'S *LUCIUS*. THE MEN CALL ME CAPTAIN, BUT I'D LIKE TO THINK WE'RE FRIENDS

SURE, LUCIUS.

BUT WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "*YOUR WAY*"?

WE WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING AND THEN SAIL INTO THE COVE WITH THE HIGH TIDE

WITH YOUR'S AND ROXY'S HELP, MY MEN AND I WILL FINALLY BE ABLE TO BEAT THE CODA ONCE AND FOR ALL.

AND YOU'LL GET YOUR FRIENDS BACK.

SO, WHAT'S YOUR BEEF WITH THE CODA?

A LONG TIME AGO, I MET THIS CODA WARRIOR

HER NAME WAS *ALAENA*.

MAN, SHE WAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN I'D EVER KNOWN.

BUT IT TURNED OUT THAT SHE'D BROKEN ONE OF THE SISTERHOOD'S MOST SACRED RULES

SHE'D FALLEN IN LOVE WITH A MAN

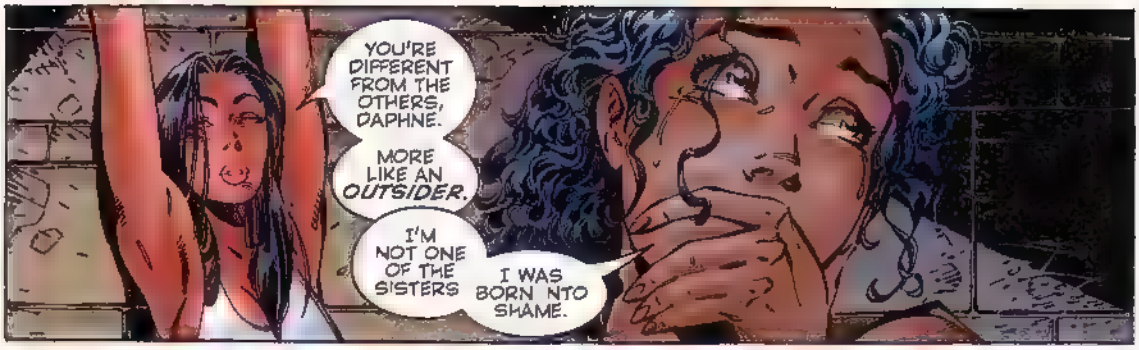
SO, THEIR MAJESTRIX BANISHED ME FROM THE ISLAND AND LOCKED HER IN A DUNGEON

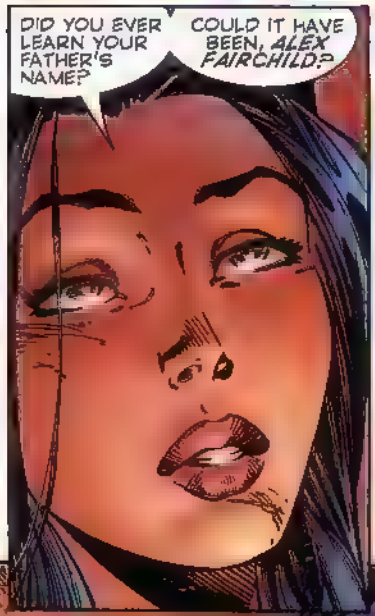
LATER, I FOUND OUT ALAENA HAD BEEN PUT TO DEATH AFTER GIVING BIRTH TO OUR DAUGHTER.

THAT'S WHEN I SWORE I'D GET MY DAUGHTER BACK FROM THE CODA

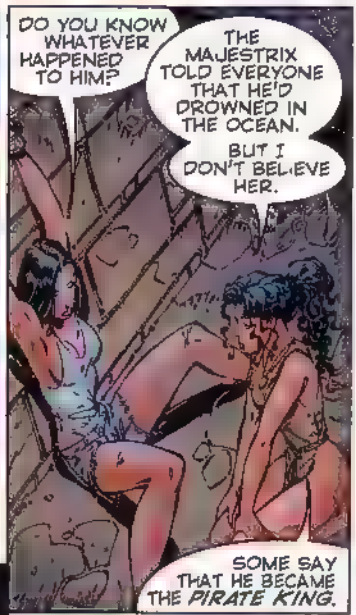
OR *DIE* TRYING

BUT ENOUGH ABOUT MY PAST!
WHAT A SOB STORY!
IF YOU ASK ME, HIS DAUGHTER'S PROBABLY BETTER OFF WITH THE CODA
CAITLIN AND SARAH ARE LUCKY IF THEY'RE ON THE ISLAND ..
LET'S JUST TRY AND ENJOY THIS BEAUTIFUL SUNSET
" 'CAUSE NOTHING COULD BE WORSE THAN THIS!"
HELLO?
OUTWORLDER?
ARE.. ARE YOU DOWN THERE?
I WOULDN'T SAY I HAVE MUCH CHOICE IN THE MATTER
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE HUNGRY.
.SO I BROUGHT YOU SOME SOUP
THANK YOU.
PLEASE, CALL ME SARAH
I AM DAPHNE.
I SAW WHAT YOU DID TODAY.
THE MAJESTRIX, SHE WAS VERY IMPRESSED.
NO ONE HAS EVER BESTED HER PRAETORIANS

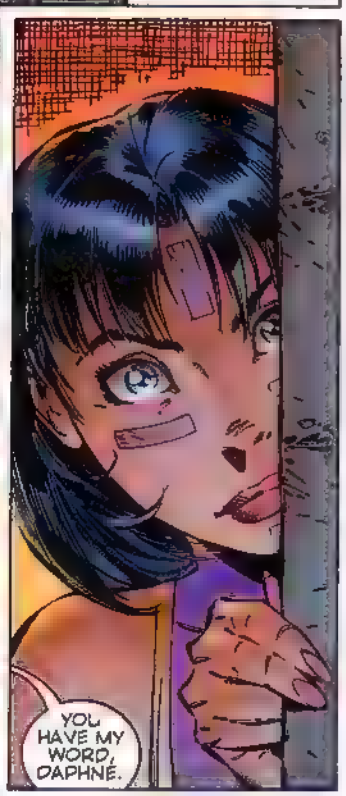

YOU'RE DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS, DAPHNE.
MORE LIKE AN *OUTSIDER*.
I'M NOT ONE OF THE SISTERS
I WAS BORN INTO SHAME.

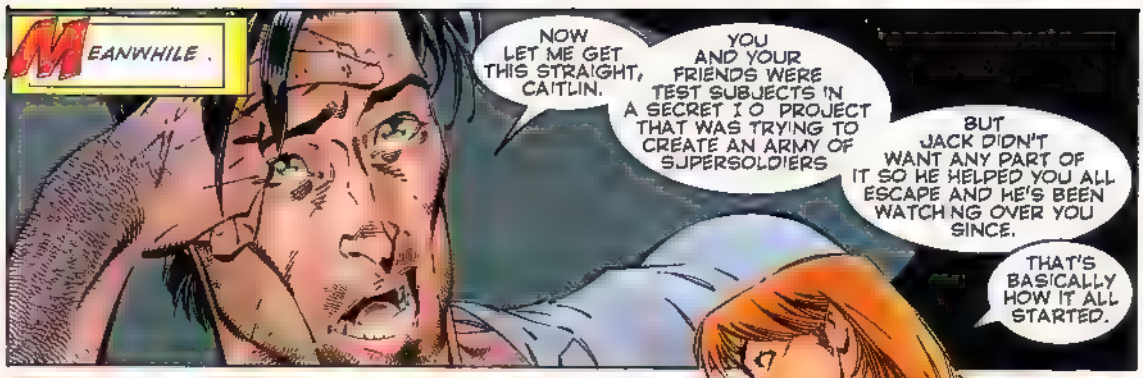

DID YOU EVER LEARN YOUR FATHER'S NAME?
COULD IT HAVE BEEN, *ALEX FAIRCHILD*?

THAT NAME!
THE MAJESTRIX HAS MENTIONED IT BEFORE!
BUT I WAS JUST A BABY WHEN MY FATHER WAS FORCED TO FLEE FOR HIS LIFE!

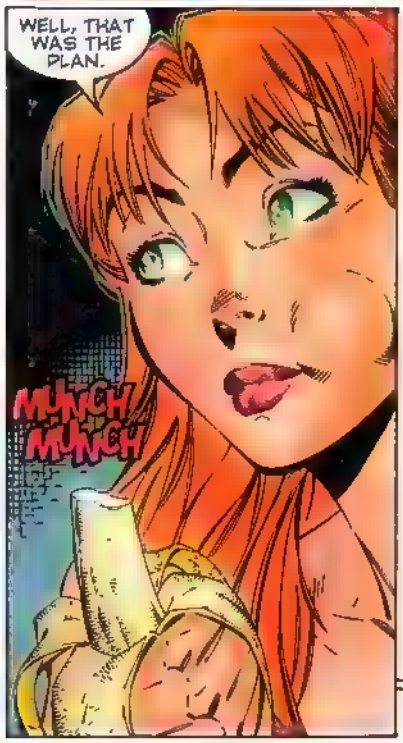

DO YOU KNOW WHATEVER HAPPENED TO HIM?
THE MAJESTRIX TOLD EVERYONE THAT HE'D DROWNED IN THE OCEAN.
BUT I DON'T BELIEVE HER.
SOME SAY THAT HE BECAME THE *PIRATE KING*.

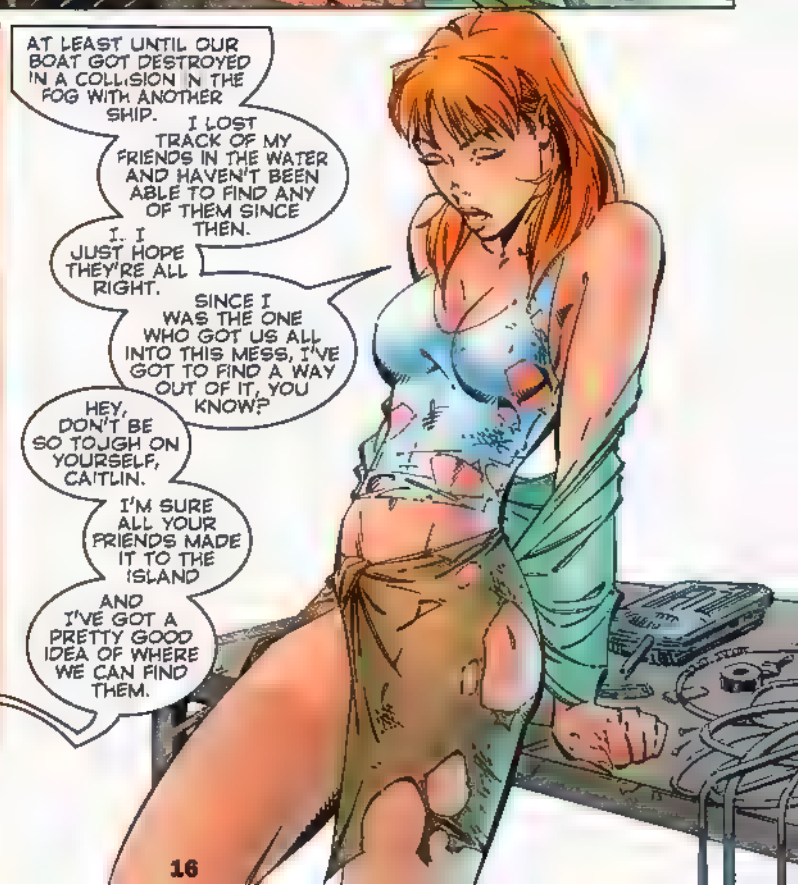
DAPHNE, I CAN HELP YOU GET AWAY FROM HERE, BUT FIRST I NEED YOU TO HELP ME.
I'VE GOT TO FIND SOME WAY TO CONTACT MY FRIENDS.
THEY'RE ON THE ISLAND TOO, I'M SURE OF IT.
YOU WOULD PROMISE TO TAKE ME WITH YOU, SARAH?

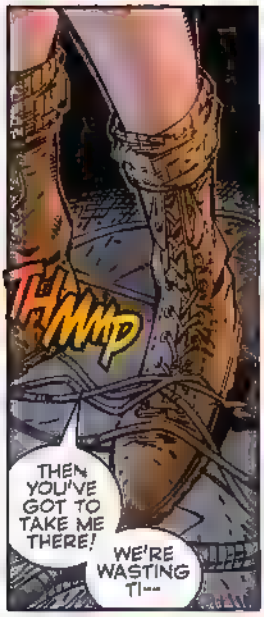

YOU HAVE MY WORD, DAPHNE.


MEANWHILE .
NOW LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT, CAITLIN.
YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS WERE TEST SUBJECTS IN A SECRET I O PROJECT THAT WAS TRYING TO CREATE AN ARMY OF SUPERSOLDIERS
BUT JACK DIDN'T WANT ANY PART OF IT SO HE HELPED YOU ALL ESCAPE AND HE'S BEEN WATCHING OVER YOU SINCE.
THAT'S BASICALLY HOW IT ALL STARTED.

DOESN'T SOUND AT ALL LIKE THE JACK LYNCH I KNEW. BUT IT DOES HELP EXPLAIN WHERE HE'S BEEN ALL THESE YEARS.
AND HOW YOU SURVIVED THAT *CLAYMORE BLAST.*
SO MY MOTHER HELPED YOU GET HERE TO SEARCH FOR CLUES ABOUT YOUR FATHER AND IN RETURN YOU'D ALL FIND ME AND BRING ME HOME


WELL, THAT WAS THE PLAN.
MUNCH MUNCH


AT LEAST UNTIL OUR BOAT GOT DESTROYED IN A COLLISION IN THE FOG WITH ANOTHER SHIP.
I LOST TRACK OF MY FRIENDS IN THE WATER AND HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND ANY OF THEM SINCE THEN.
I. I JUST HOPE THEY'RE ALL RIGHT.
SINCE I WAS THE ONE WHO GOT US ALL INTO THIS MESS, I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY OUT OF IT, YOU KNOW?
HEY, DON'T BE SO TOUGH ON YOURSELF, CAITLIN.
I'M SURE ALL YOUR FRIENDS MADE IT TO THE ISLAND
AND I'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD IDEA OF WHERE WE CAN FIND THEM.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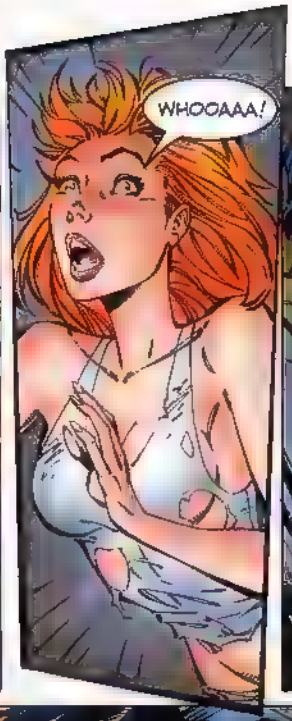
THEN YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE ME THERE!
WE'RE WASTING TI---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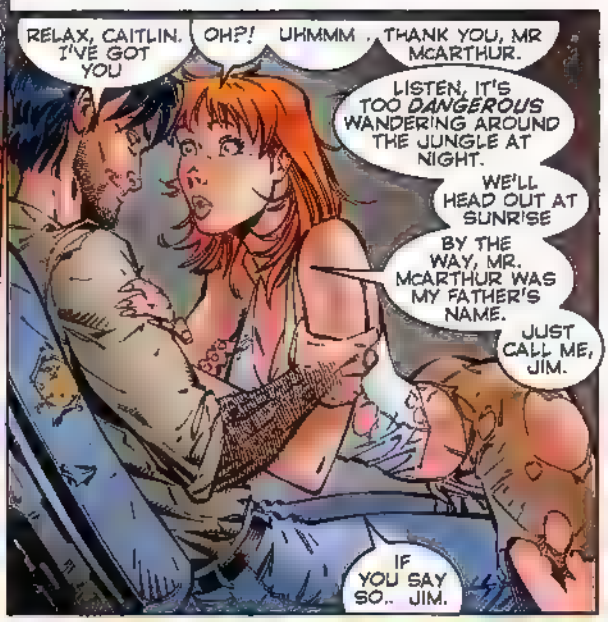
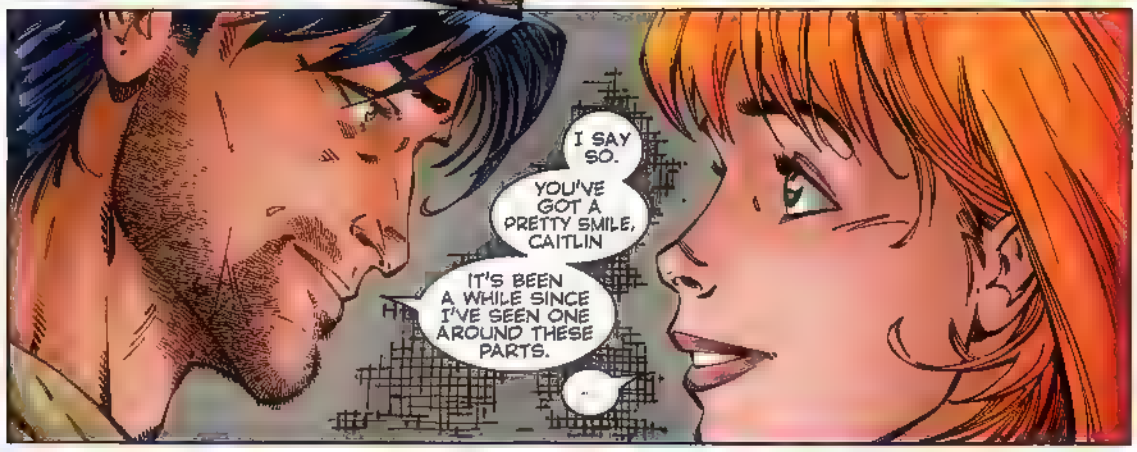

RELAX, CAITLIN. I'VE GOT YOU
OH?!
UHMMM
THANK YOU, MR MCARTHUR.
LISTEN, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS WANDERING AROUND THE JUNGLE AT NIGHT.
WE'LL HEAD OUT AT SUNRISE
BY THE WAY, MR. MCARTHUR WAS MY FATHER'S NAME.
JUST CALL ME, JIM.
IF YOU SAY SO.. JIM.


I SAY SO.
YOU'VE GOT A PRETTY SMILE, CAITLIN
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN ONE AROUND THESE PARTS.

ELSEWHERE...
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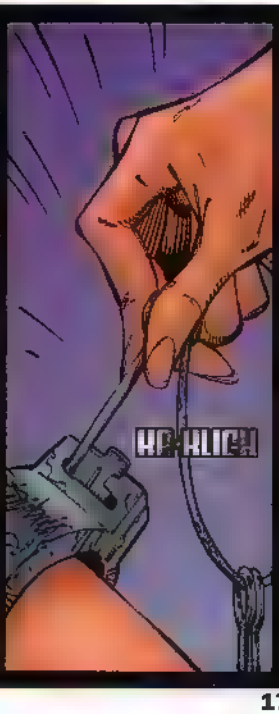
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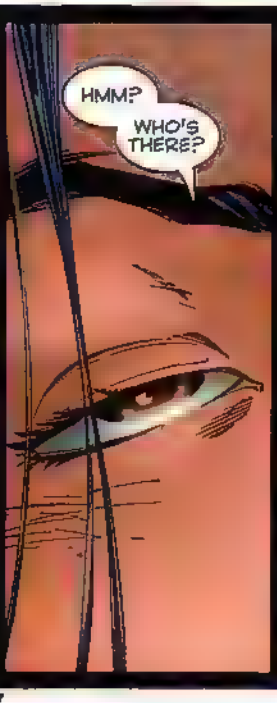

HMM?
WHO'S THERE?

Shhh!

NARITA AIRPORT, JAPAN

I MUST BE GETTING OLD

I SHOULD'VE ANTICIPATED THE KIDS TRYING SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

BUT INSTEAD, I'M THE ONE PLAYING *CATCH-UP.*

AT LEAST BY FLYING WEST TO THE ISLE DU MYSTERE, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE UP FOR SOME LOST TIME

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE CAROLINE LET THE KIDS GO OFF BY THEMSELVES. IF SHE NEEDED HELP FINDING JIMMY, WHY DIDN'T SHE COME TO ME FIRST?

PERHAPS BECAUSE I HAVEN'T SEEN EITHER OF THEM IN OVER TWENTY YEARS?

AND WHEN I FINALLY SEE HER AGAIN, ALL I DO IS GET ANGRY AND VENT MY FRUSTRATION

WAY TO GO, JACK

WHEN I GET BACK

I'VE GOT A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO -- EH?

SNIFF

THAT SMELL! IONIZED AIR?

BUT THAT CAN ONLY MEAN --

BLACK HAMMERS *DECLOAKING!*

TARGET CONFIRMED! IT'S LYNCH!

WHAMM

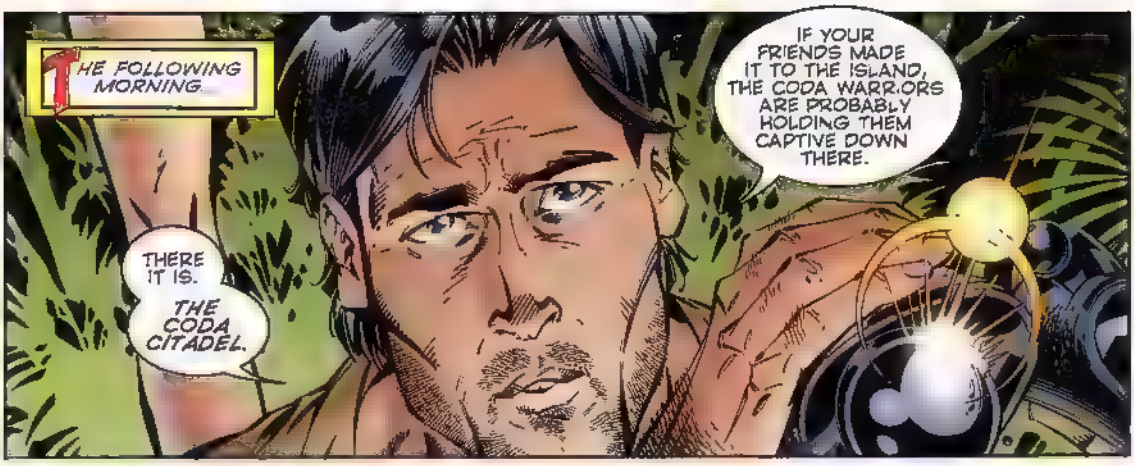
TAKE HIM DOWN! QUICKLY!

YEAAARGH!

SONIC *DISRUPTERS!*

CA -- CAN'T -- *THINK* --

OOOHHHGGG



WHO ARE THEY? AND WHY ARE THEY HERE?

FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, THESE CODA WARRIORS SEEM TO BE DESCENDANTS OF THE AMAZONS FROM GREEK MYTHOLOGY

AS TO WHY THEY'RE HERE, I HAVE NO IDEA. BUT BY LOOKING AT THE ARCHITECTURE OF THIS PLACE, I CAN TELL YOU THAT THESE LADIES HAVE BEEN HERE FOR OVER A THOUSAND YEARS.

IT'S ALMOST AS THOUGH A PART OF ANCIENT GREECE WAS JUST LIFTED OUT OF THE PAST AND TRANSPLANTED HERE.

SO JUST MAYBE THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH ISN'T A MYTH AFTER ALL.

HMMM. IT'S GETTING PRETTY BUSY DOWN THERE IN THE CITADEL THIS MORNING.

I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON?

WELL, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT.

OH NO! YOU CAN'T BE *SERIOUS*.

ROBOT RUCKUS PART 2

STORY, PENCILS, & INKS: TOM MCWEENEY

LETTERS: WILLIE SCHUBERT

COLORS: GUY ROMANO

GEN 13 IN:
Robot Ruckus
PART II
BY
TOM McWEENEY
·LETTERS·
WILLIE SCHUBERT
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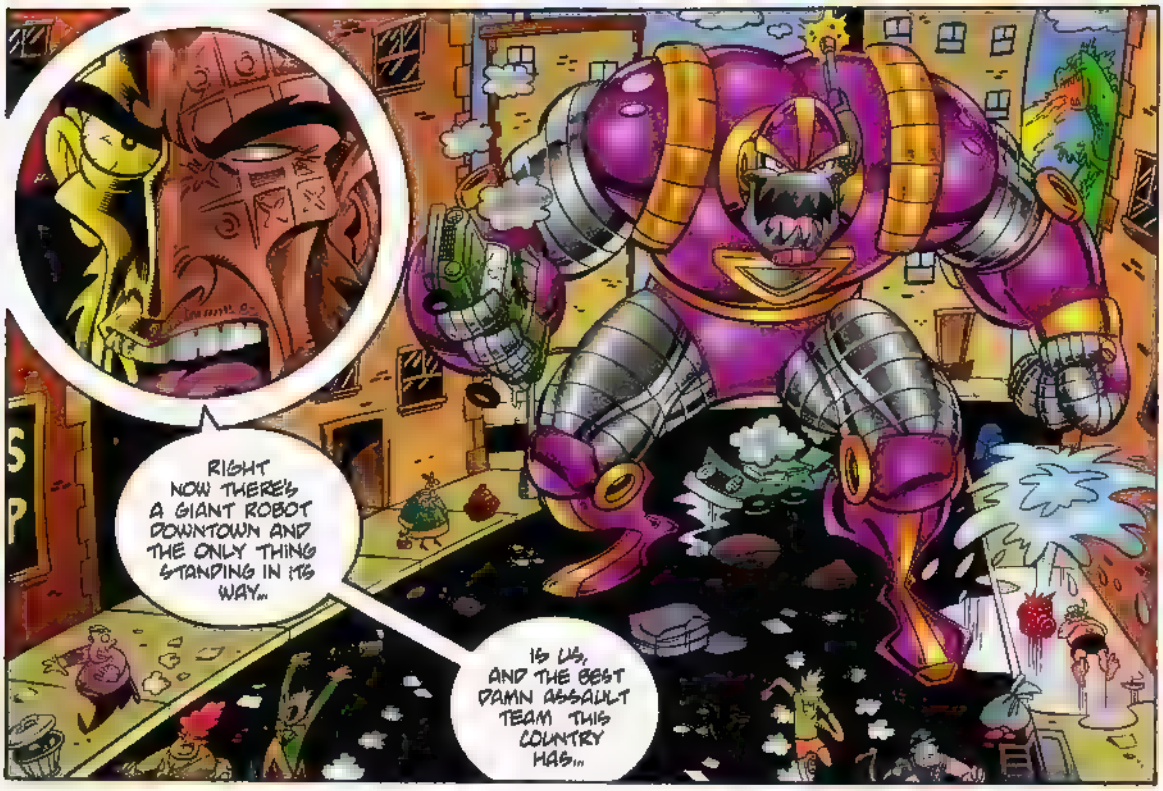
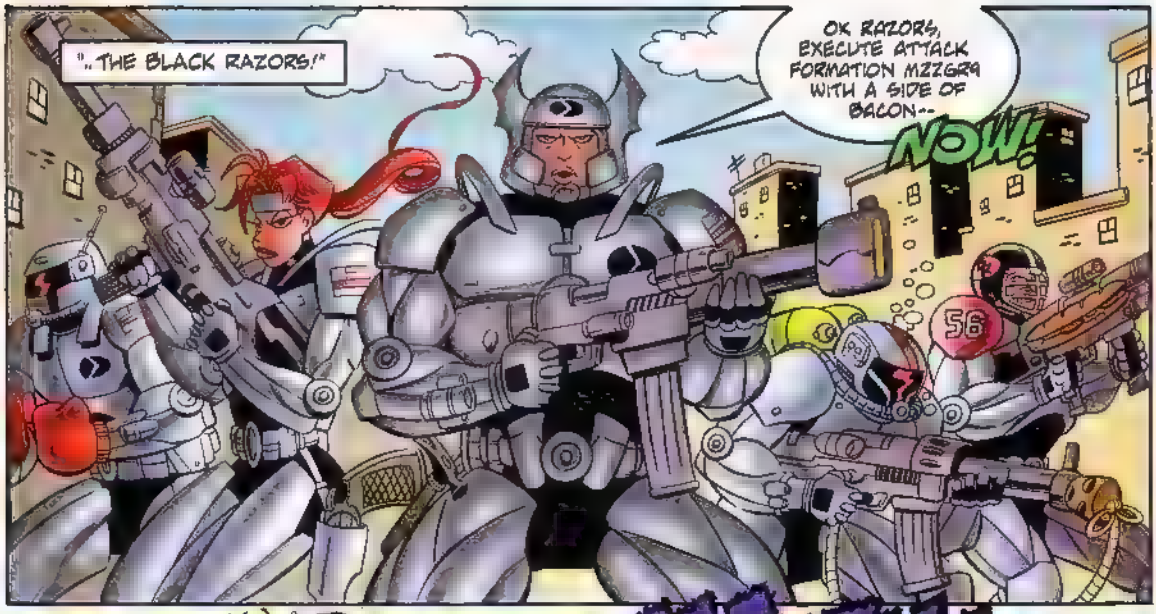
GUY ROMANO
KNOCK IT OFF!

WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR ANY GRATUITOUS CHEESECAKE! WE'VE GOTTA GET MOVING!

I KNOW, I'LL GO DOWN TO THE GEN 13 CAVE...

AND WARM UP THE GEN 13 MOBILE!
GRUNGE, WAIT! WE DON'T HAVE...
LET THE IDIOT GO! WE'LL PICK HIM UP LATER!


RIGHT NOW THERE'S A GIANT ROBOT DOWNTOWN AND THE ONLY THING STANDING IN ITS WAY...
IS US, AND THE BEST DAMN ASSAULT TEAM THIS COUNTRY HAS...


"...THE BLACK RAZORS!"
OK RAZORS, EXECUTE ATTACK FORMATION MZZGR9 WITH A SIDE OF BACON--
NOW!
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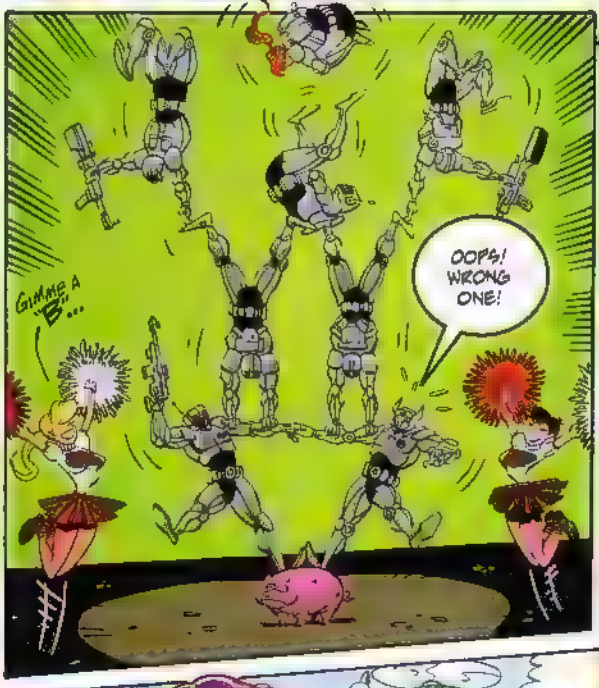
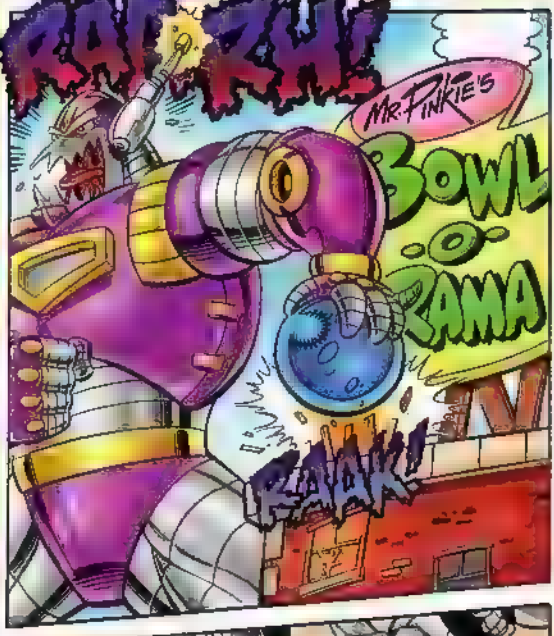
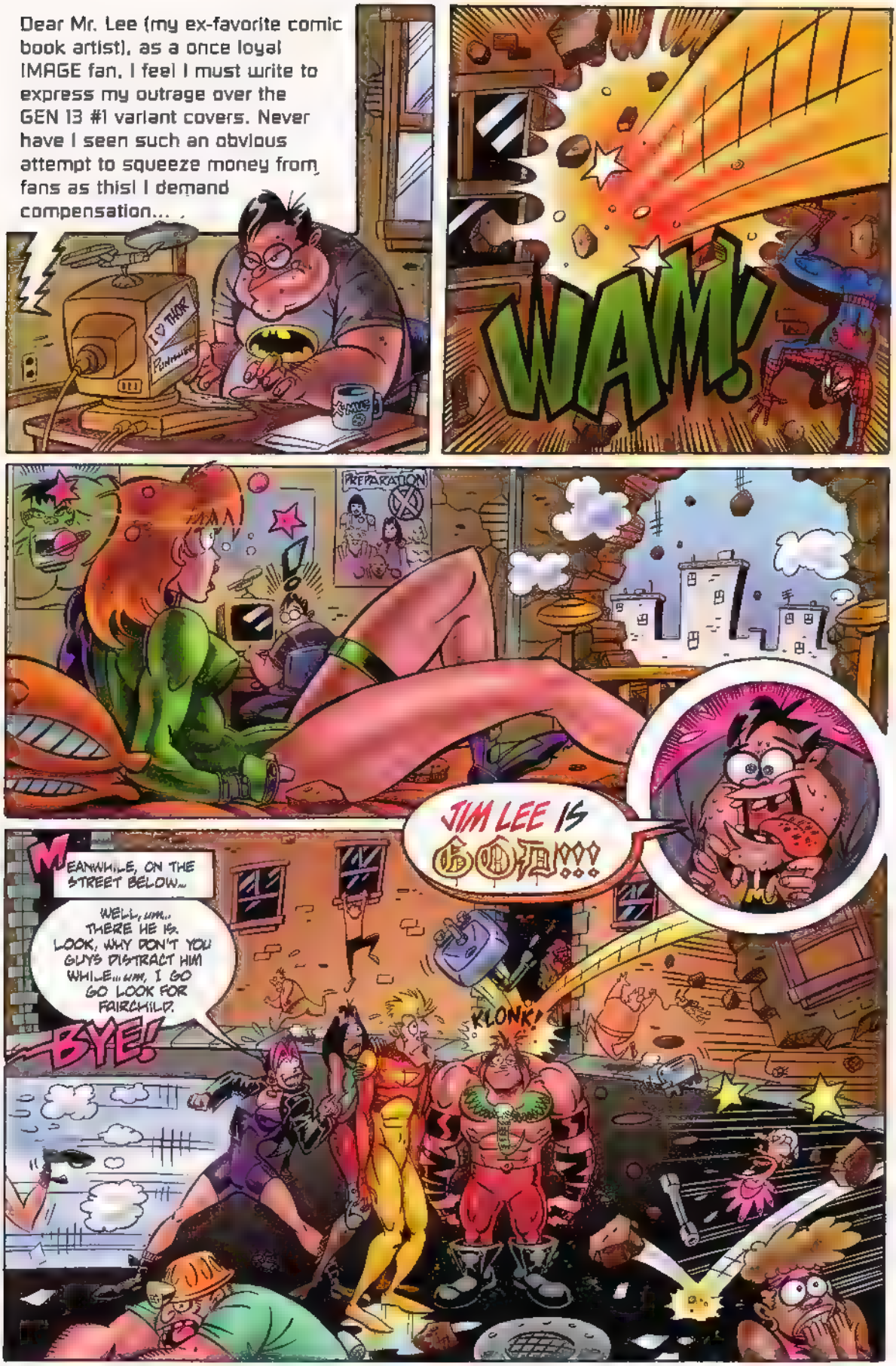
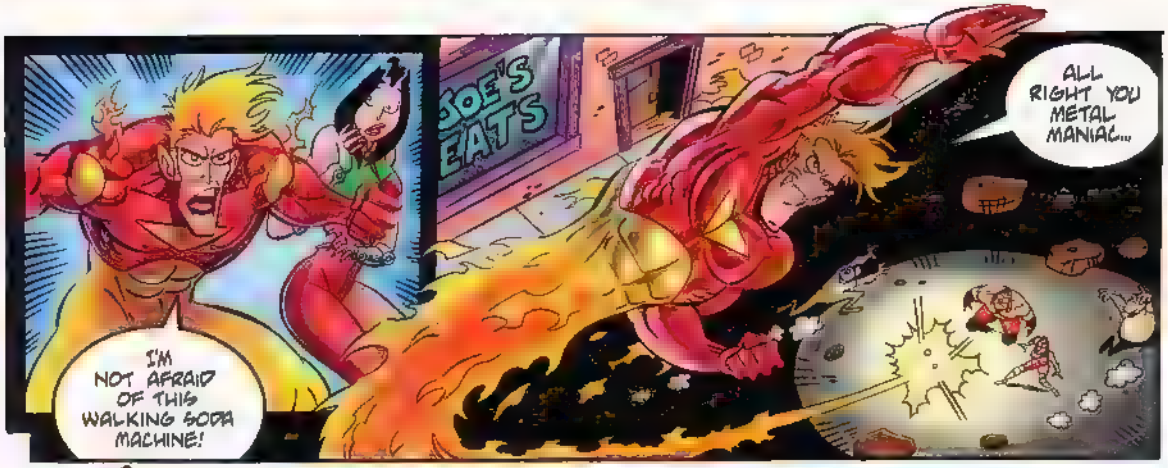

GIMME A "E"...
OOPS! WRONG ONE!

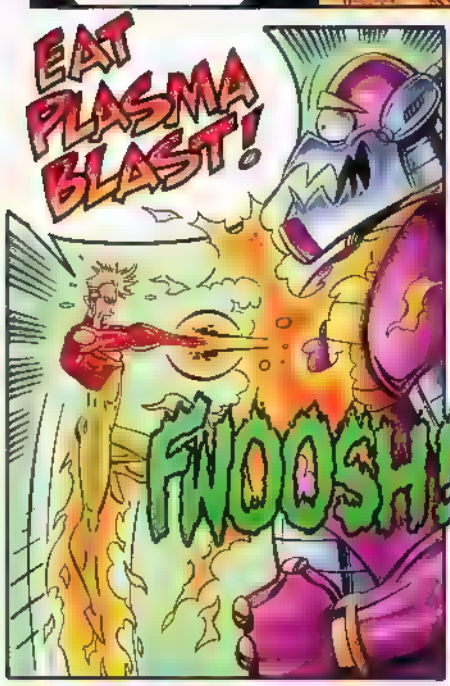

RAT-TA-TA!
MR. PINKIE'S
BOWL-O-RAMA
KAAAK!

CRASH!
WELL (BEEP), IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S UP TO US!

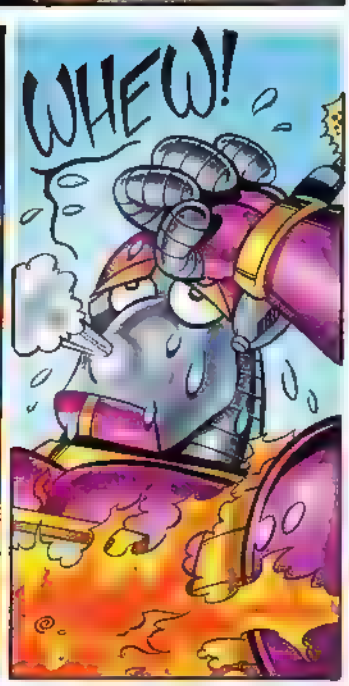
DON'T WORRY, WE WON'T LET YOU DOWN! WAIT 'TIL YOU SEE THE WELL ORCHESTRATED PRECISION ATTACK STRIKE I'VE GOT PLANNED FOR--
HUBBA HUBBA!
PINCH!
EEEK!!
WHUMF!
UGH!! GRIP... LIKE IRON...BREATH... MINTY...FRESH...
NAB!
PROWL!
GULP!
I HOPE THAT BUILDING IS SOFTER THAN IT LOOKS!


Dear Mr. Lee (my ex-favorite comic book artist), as a once loyal IMAGE fan, I feel I must write to express my outrage over the GEN 13 #1 variant covers. Never have I seen such an obvious attempt to squeeze money from fans as this! I demand compensation...
I ♡ THOR
WAM!
PREPARATION
JIM LEE IS 白痴!!!
MEANWHILE, ON THE STREET BELOW...
WELL, UM... THERE HE IS. LOOK, WHY DON'T YOU GUYS DISTRACT HIM WHILE... UM, I GO GO LOOK FOR FAIRCHILD.
BYE!
KLONK!


I'M NOT AFRAID OF THIS WALKING SODA MACHINE!
SOE'S EAT'S
ALL RIGHT YOU METAL MANIAC...


EAT PLASMA BLAST!
FWOOSH!

NOT HOT ENOUGH? I'LL TURN UP THE HEAT AND MELT EVERY COG IN YOUR CHASSIS!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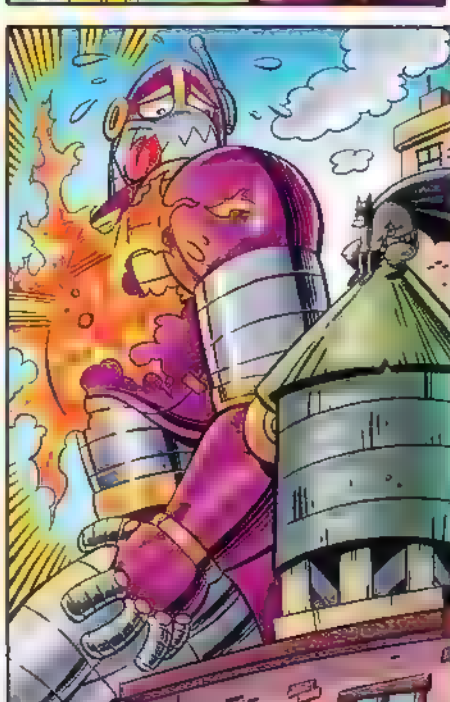

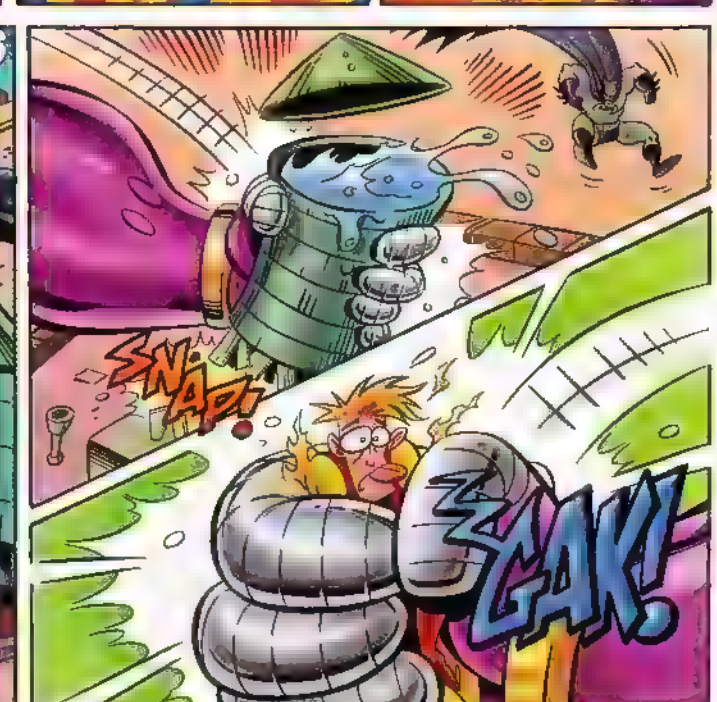
SNAP!
GAK!

TSSSSS!
TINK! TINK!
SLURP!
AAHH!
PLEASE, MISTER NICE ROBOT-PERSON, I WASN'T REALLY TRYING TO MELT YOU! HEH, HEH!
YAAHH!
GULP
GRUNGE, BURNOUT'S GONE OUT! HE'S GONNA FALL, DO SOMETHING QUICK!
SAME GEN-TIME... SAME GEN-CHANNEL!

TALKIN' 'BOUT MY GENERATION

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Dear Gen Creators,

I just received and read my copy of issue #3 and, to be honest, I came away with mixed emotions. The story itself was good, but why so short? We, the dedicated fans, waited over a month for this issue and received only 20 pages of actual story and a misplaced 8 page back up ("filler" anyone?). Ouch! Without saying whether I liked the back-up or not, issue #3 of an on going series just somehow doesn't seem the place for it (when specials, annuals, etc. are certainly on the horizon). As always, the main story and art were excellent (with on reservation...keep reading before climbing onto your pillars!), but I was disappointed at its length. My hope (please!) is that we can look forward to a 100% reliable schedule in terms of both release date AND story length.

As for my one reservation to this issue (and all preceding ones as well), I'm afraid the book is rapidly slipping into The Adventures of Caitlin Fairchild (and, oh yeah, Those Other Four). Granted, she is the team leader, but you have four other characters as well! Let's be honest. Burnout has received zilch in the way of page-time, and is quite honestly neglected as all hell. No, he will never look anything like Caitlin in a swimsuit, but that's no reason to keep him off the panels. Back in Gen^{13} #0, we saw Burnout create a plasma "sculpture" out of fused sand and in those scenes (and his accompanying dialogue) we learned about all we really know about what makes him tick.

Although my letter may sound cynical, I truly enjoy your comic and have great hopes for the future.

Sincerely,
Mike Wallace,
Omaha, NE

You got us, Mike! What are we thinking? Who wants to see dumb ol' ads, or letters pages or even a back-up story? Now we know how very necessary those Campbell pages are and we'll never do it again (except for this issue and the next one), and THEN we'll get back on track here at Homage Studios. Ever since we got that blasted Defender arcade game up and running, everbody's been lagging. In the meantime, Burnout is being slowly scraped off the backburner and will be given play in the next couple of issues.

Dear Sarah,

I liked Gen^{13} #3 a lot, but I have a question about something else completely different. In Union #5, Union was taken to a parallel world where he met that world's Alexander Fairchild. During the course of the story, Alex revealed that he was the father of two children, one of which had been killed. So my question is, did the Alex Fairchild from our world have two children also? And if so, who's the other one?

Mike Halicki,
Atlanta, GA

Oohhhhh, I knew this question was coming. Mike, it looks like you're onto something. I'm going to be a little vague and say..... let's...wait....and....see...

Dear GENocide,

First of all, I would like to say that Gen^{13} #3 was AWESOME! The artwork and colors are truly the most beautiful I have ever seen! My favorite part was when Fairchild was washed up on the beach. I could almost feel the cool wind blowing and hear the waves crashing. Excellent!

Secondly, I would like to comment on Rainmaker's sexuality. Even though I find Rainmaker being a lesbian totally repulsive and disgusting, this does not mean I will discontinue buying your comic book. After all, why should I miss out on a great comic book just because I don't like one character? That would be stupid! But I want to point out that buying your comic book doesn't mean I accept or condone homosexual behavior or homosexuality in any way.

Besides, who knows, maybe Rainmaker will someday choose the straight path (she did seem like she was kind of attracted to Burnout when they were riding the elephant on p.11).

Sincerely,
Daniel Dimov,
Los Angeles, CA

P.S. Gen^{13} in Robot Ruckus was hilarious! Bring on part two!

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Choi, and Mr. Lee,

The decision to have Sarah Rainmaker a lesbian is perfectly fine by me. I write only because I have no idea how many negative letters you receive for every positive one an open minded person chooses to send, and also so you know that there are many of us out here who see this development as what it should be: A normal, healthy part of life.

Homosexuality is not a sin, and the gay person does not need to be healed or burned at the stake. On the other hand, that same gay person does not need to be carried on our shoulders and adored. You feel Sarah is a lesbian. Fine. Let's try not to make too big of an issue of it, okay?

In the vast sea of technicolor garbage, which is the majority of comics today, you produce an excellent book and I appreciate it.

Thank you,
Tony Yuhas,
Lynnwood, WA

Tony, just recently we've been receiving lots of letters supporting this character. Anyway, what's done is done. Rainmaker is still the same sexy gal everyone loved in issue #1, before she came out of the closet.

Dear Gen^{13},

I must congratulate you on a superb publication. Rarely do comics contain storylines and artwork that are equally strong as in Gen^{13}. In addition, the characters are presented with such an extraordinary amount of depth that they capture the reader's interest early (I just bought #1 and #2 and I'm already hooked!). The stage has definitely been set for some very exciting things for the team to experience!

My question and/or comment for you is that I would like to know (or hope) that Mr. Lynch doesn't have the crush on Fairchild that it appears he has on her in issue #1. Thankfully, this hasn't progressed in issue #2. While this could present an interesting story, I think that it would also be rather disgusting (though I could understand, with Fairchild being as attractive as she is!)

Sincerely,
Lauren Olsen

P.S. Watch it, Mr. Lynch, I've got my eye on you!

I'm afraid it's true, Lauren. Lynch is carrying Fairchild's baby.

Dear Gen-tlemen,

I would just like to say that Gen^{13} is my absolute favorite! It's awesome, spectacular, tubular and gnarly three times over. Fairchild is super. I loved p.16. It was very funny. I hope she keeps losing pieces of clothing. She's my favorite.

But I'm also disappointed. It's just that many people wrote to complain about Sarah being a lesbian and how they hated Gen^{13} now and weren't going to buy another issue. I was a bit shocked about the whole idea. In all my four years of collecting comics (I'm thirteen) I have never seen such pure art and solid stories infused with such explosive comics such as the Gen^{13} mini-series and the ongoing series. I totally support the Gen^{13} crew for doing something unique and different. I have some comments and questions.

1. I loved McWeeney's Robot Ruckus! I hope after part two he's going to do some more stuff.
2. How much does Grunge weigh?
3. Exactly how tall is Fairchild?
4. Now that Jim Lee is no longer drawing WildC.A.T.s, will he be drawing any Gen^{13} issues?

Sincerely,
Luis Morillo,
New York, NY

1. You got it!
2. 250 lbs.
3. 6'4
4. How'd you guess?

Dear Gen13,

Thanks a lot (being sarcastic)! For about a month or two you had me driving the comic bookstore clerk crazy. Everyday I would go in and say, "Did Gen13 come in yet?" During those times I left the store feeling disappointed, but the frustration and anger paid off.

Gen13 is the best comic I've ever read. No plot flaws and great humor from Brandon and Jeff. And who could forget Jim Lee, the creator and fanboy consultant? I loved the way you made 13 different covers so we, the fans, won't get bored. I also like the way you use the computer colors or WildStorm Effects. And whoever put the Gen13 team together is a GENious. Oh, by the way, Brandon, you gave me a heart attack when I found out that Rainmaker is a, you know. Well, let's just say she drinks out of the other side of the cup. I have a couple of annoying questions to ask you.

1. Where exactly did each Gen13 member come from?
2. How come Burnout's suit doesn't burn when he uses his powers?
3. Who is the tailor for the team?
4. How did Lynch get a Cybernetic eye? I know those scars on his face have something to do with it.
5. When are you going to have another convention? How far from New York City?
6. Could J. Scott Campbell please show us what picture he sent to Homage to become a penciller?

Maximo Taveras,
Brooklyn, NY

1. Tokyo, Milan, Paris, New York, London.
2. That's a secret Burnout shares with only with Smoky the Bear.
3. Calvin Klein.
4. This will be revealed in Team7 III #1.
5. Sorry, Maximo, the guys were just at the San Diego convention in July. There are no current plans to head to the East coast.
6. Jeff would kill me if we ran his samples in the letters pages. Aw, what the heck. I'll see what I can do.

Mitchell Bidois
New Zealand

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"LIKE I'M SUPPOSED TO BE GRATEFUL THAT THESE CLOWNS FISHED ME AND BOBBY OUT OF THE WATER AFTER THEY'D SLICED OUR AIR BOAT IN TWO?

"ALL RIGHT, I'LL ADMIT THAT WE'D HAVE ENDED UP AS *SHARK-BAIT* IF THEY HADN'T COME BACK FOR US...

FOOD! WE WANT FOOD! WE WANT FOOD!

"...BUT I'M STARTING TO WONDER IF THAT REALLY COULD'VE BEEN ANY WORSE THAN THIS."

SHUT UP! SHUT UP! SHUT UP!

I'M *NOT* HEARING THAT!

"I SUPPOSE I COULD JUST USE MY *GEN-FACTOR* POWER AND AUDI...

"...BUT WHERE WOULD I GO?

"HOW WOULD I FIND THE OTHERS?

IT'S ABOUT TIME, *CHILD.*

LISTEN UP, *LONG DORK SILVER!*

LET'S SEE HOW YOU'D LIKE IT CARRYING THIS SLOP UP HERE FROM THE KITCHEN!

HAR! HAR! HAR!

SHE'S GOT A REAL SMART MOUTH ON HER, *CAPTAIN MORGAN!*

"NOW HERE'S A *KODAK MOMENT.*

"WHILE THEY TRY AND LOOK LIKE A BUNCH OF SWASHBUCKLER WANNABES, THEY'RE JUST BRUTALLY UGLY, HIGH-MAINTENANCE BUTT-PIRATES.

"NOT A SINGLE *BALDWIN* IN SIGHT.

"I'D BET THEY'RE ALL REJECTS FROM *AMERICA'S MOST WANTED.*

HAR! HAR! HAR!

WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT?!

SHE FORGOT THE #!() ALE AGAIN!!

ALE?!

WHAT ALE?

BEER, CHILD. YOU FORGOT *MR. HEISLER'S* BEER.

I DON'T TRUST HER, *LUCIUS.*

WE OUGHT TO *KEELHAUL* HER AND FIND OUT IF SHE'S SOME KIND OF SPY FOR THE CODA!

CHILL OUT, *SQEEG.* I'M STILL IN CHARGE HERE.

ER...RIGHT. WHATEVER YOU SAY, *CAPTAIN MORGAN.*

THIS STUFF HAD BETTER BE GOOD, GIRLIE!

BETTER BE PLENTY OF *CHEESE* IN HERE!

AND MAYBE LATER YOU'D LIKE ME TO SHOW YOU A LITTLE BIT OF MY GRATITUDE, EH?

AS IF!

IF I HAD A WEAPON RIGHT NOW, YOU'D BE A TOTAL ZERO!

WOW! I GUESS YOU ARE.
IF MY FRIENDS ARE BEING HELD AS PRISONERS IN THE CITADEL THEN IT'S UP TO US TO GET THEM OUT.
AND IF THOSE CODA WARRIORS KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR THEM, THEY'LL STAY OUT OF OUR WAY.
US?! AGAINST ALL OF THEM?! ARE YOU NUTS?!
THEY MUST OUTNUMBER US AT LEAST A HUNDRED TO ONE, CAITLIN!
THEN IT SHOULD BE A FAIR FIGHT!
C'MON, JIM! DON'T QUIT ON ME NOW!
AWWW MAN...
AND THIS MORNING STARTED OUT SO WELL.
TO BE CONTINUED...